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E-MAIL SERVICE IN POST OFFICE
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the postal department is making any efforts to enter into `e-commerce` forex services and internet-related activity;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any study has been conducted on the benefits to accrue therefrom; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the expenditure likely to be incurred thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SIKDAR)

(a) & (b): The department has no immediate plans to enter into e-commerce. However, there is a proposal to buy and sell foreign exchange in identified post offices in the country. The Department has also launched Internet related e-Post service in 200 post offices in the country. These offices are located in 5 States of Goa, Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Maharashtra and Gujarat.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.